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1. (Unclassified - RC) LIAISON Took a call from William Nichols, Acting General Counsel, OMB, who said he had received our letter of 11 August 1975 on the Agency's position concerning garnishment. Mr. Nichols felt that our request for a legislative exemption would exacerbate the Agency's position in this connection. He said that a new Executive Order would soon be issued announcing new Civil Service regulations on this subject. The new regulations will also be issued very shortly. He recommended that we read the regulations carefully as it will permit us to continue to handle our special problems in the usual way. For the moment, requests for legislative relief should be held in abeyance.

2. (Unclassified - RC) HEARING Took a call from Walter J. Sheridan, Chief Investigator of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure. He said that his Subcommittee and the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Subcommittee on Health were planning to hold joint hearings. He asked whether the Agency was conducting any drug testing at this time and what sort of programs, including clinical behavior research, were being conducted by the Agency. I said we were not now conducting any drug testing but would have to check on the latter. He wanted to know when our last drug testing program was and what it involved. He suggested that I go back five years in responding to his request for both drug and behavior testing. I said I would check and call him back on the 26th. A check of the Congressional Staff Directory showed that Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.) chairs both committees.

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